

## JJDP Act Formula Grant Abstracts

Aftercare Effort - CJJP has entered into a third year contract (\$144,000) with a local private provider (Quakerdale). The project provides aftercare services for youth returning from the Boys State Training School (STS) and the Iowa Juvenile Home (IJH). Quakerdale's third year project period is from July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003. The grant serves youth returning from state training schools in two Iowa counties (Black Hawk and Marshall) , and in counties in a 30 mile radius outside the two counties. Youth in group care and other out-of-home setting are also served. Quakerdale initiates efforts to work with youth at the time the youth is placed in an out-of-home placement setting. Girls receiving services through the aftercare effort are served in a gender specific approach.

Community Planning Initiative and Young Women's Empowerment Events - This project (\$80,000) supports developing and infusing gender-responsive strategies in community planning in Linn County. This effort also includes separate funding for young women's events/retreats to be held during the 2003 calendar year at various locations throughout the state. These events are to support, encourage and empower young women in four different communities. The initiative is supported through the over-site of [Iowa's Gender Specific Services Task Force](#).

Disproportionate Minority Confinement (DMC) Diversion Effort – CJJP has entered into a second year contract (\$80,000) for a DMC Diversion effort with Polk County. Key components of the project include a Detention Utilization Review Team, funding support for diversion programming, administrative assistance to implement the effort from the local Decat project, etc. The DMC Diversion effort is consider a major DMC-related achievement for Iowa. The effort is supported through the oversight of [Iowa's DMC Committee](#).

DMC Resource Center – CJJP has entered into a second year contract (\$95,000) with its DMC Resource Center effort with the University of Iowa's National Resource Center for Family Centered Practice. The University of Iowa (The DMC Resource Center) is providing technical assistance to a number local sites, provided Iowa's first annual DMC Conference, and established and maintained a [DMC website](#).

Mental Health Issues in Detention/Shelter Care – The mental Health Issues in Detention/Shelter Care Work Group is comprised of staff from juvenile detention facilities, shelter care, CJJP therapists, etc. It has been meeting to discuss the issues that shelter and detention facilities face related mental health. At the group's guidance CJJP is contracting with a University of Iowa clinician to develop a variety of informational products for juvenile detention and shelter care staff.